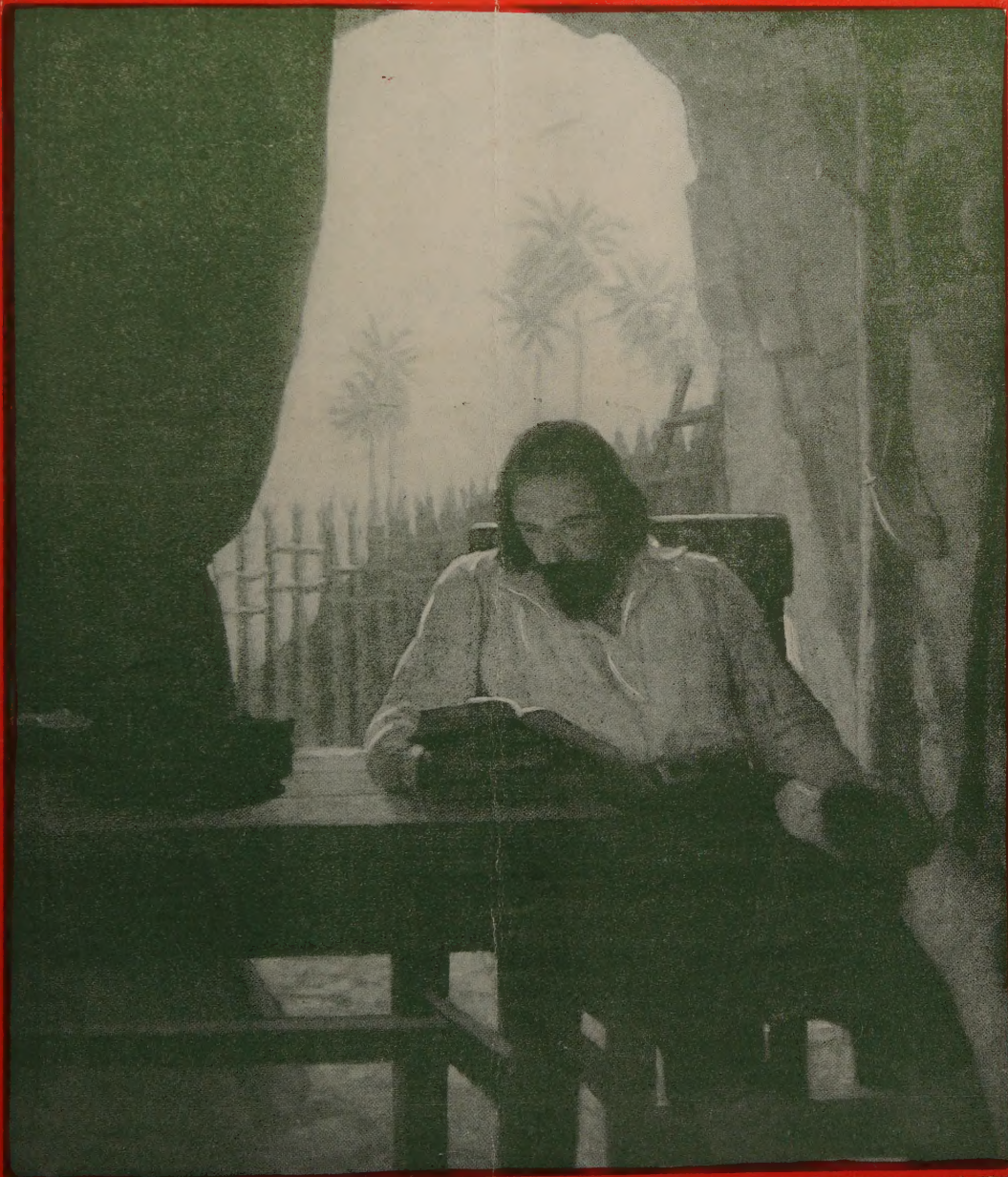


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Hungry Children in Central Europe

THE hunger is twofold. One is the sad and appalling hunger for bodily food. The appeal on this behalf as voiced by Mr. Herbert Hoover is on a later page. But there is also a hunger over which one may rejoice as well as be sad. It is a hunger for the Bread of Life.

In the September issue of the RECORD something is told of this hunger in Czechoslovakia. In the fall, an urgent and impressive letter was received from the bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church resident in Zurich. The Board was so deeply impressed with his representation of the eager call for Scriptures, and of the utter lack of supply as a consequence of the terrible war, that it made an unusual and generous appropriation toward meeting the need through an inter-church committee in Vienna.

As this Children's Number is being prepared, Mr. Geo. T. B. Davis, so closely associated with the late Charles Alexander in the Pocket Testament League, brings us the accompanying pictures and the letter from which extracts are given illustrating this great need. They carry a message to all who remember the behest "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

"I think these pictures of Sunday schools in Vienna will help you to see more clearly what a wonderful opportunity there is here. Though

the Methodist work was started here about fifty years ago, it had to be behind closed doors. No public meetings were allowed. It is only within the last year or two that any real progress could be made. These Sunday schools are the results of the work in this short time of a mere handful of workers.

"I hope to begin the Bible work among these children. Our plan is to give to each family represented in the Sunday school one of the leaflets, that the first week all in the family who will may commit to memory the verse

on the first page and the rime verses on the last page; and also that those who have Bibles or Testaments may learn the verses for each day. Membership cards will also be given out with the leaflets. These are to be returned the second Sunday signed by all who wish to become mem-



MORNING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN TRAUTSOHNASSE, 8.

bers of the Band. If in any family there is no one who wishes to become a member, the leaflet is to be returned. And to the many families who have neither Bible nor Testament, a copy of the New Testament and the Psalms will be lent to be kept as long as the verses of the Band continue to be learned.

"We ought to have hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Testaments in the German language for use here in Vienna and throughout Austria and Germany, and wherever German is spoken and read. The pastor here has written to one of the bishops to see if he can't get the American Bible Society to take up this matter.

"I am praying that God will give all that is needed to supply Bibles and Testaments for all who want them. I can ask this with faith that it will be granted; for I know it is his will that all his children should be taught of the Lord, and that they should have his Word to read and study and learn. So I know he will not allow this great scarcity of his printed Word in Vienna to continue, but that he will supply the need. Will you not please see the officers of the American Bible Society, or write to them to see what that Society can do for Vienna? Everywhere here one can see in large letters *great needs* and *great opportunities*. We are looking to God and to his children in America for a *great response* and a *great outpouring*. Let yourselves, all that you have and are, be offered, *poured out*, upon the sacrifice and service of our faith, that you may joy



AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL

"All these children are packed into the Sunday-school room every Sunday afternoon as close as they can sit and stand, and listen reverently to the prayer and attentively to the teachings of the Spirit-filled young men whom God has called to this work. And they sing heartily the Sunday-school songs. There might be scores of such schools in Vienna, if we only had the God-chosen workers. I believe that such an opportunity does not come more than once in a century. How can you let it go unimproved? *Now is the time.*"

and rejoice with us all in the *great outpouring* of God's blessing." **ELMER E. HUBBARD.**

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The Children Are Not Forgotten

HOW could anyone really interested in the circulation of the Bible possibly forget the children? Even if it were inclined, a Bible Society would not have opportunity to forget them. A large proportion of the requests for Bibles which reach us in the daily mail, are on behalf of Sunday schools or for other phases of work among young people. Also, the children form a considerable proportion of the individuals who write on their own behalf for Bibles; and they ask not in vain.

But the American Bible Society historically and actually has never waited either for reminders or requests. Its largest annual donation is made to the American Sunday-school Union, and generous donations are made to denominational boards engaged in work for young people.

The readers of the *Annual Report* will also see frequent and varied evidence of the work done for the youth of our and other lands by the representatives of this Society. While the *RECORD* during the year may present other phases of work more prominently, our Children's Number gives occasion and opportunity to publish in it some of the incidents from the latest *Report*. Those who read between the

lines will see that this work is dear to the heart of the workers, and is confined to no particular region.

A Lad Served

From a colporteur, who has spent his time in the larger cities of Michigan, comes this incident:

I like to get the New Testament into the hands of the children. They gather around me many times and inquire the price of the Book. One little fellow met me one evening on the street, just as I was going to my room. He had no money, but he was anxious to get a book. He asked me if I would stay until he went back several blocks with the prospect of getting the price of the Book. I hesitated, for it was cold and I was anxious to get to my room. However, his anxious, honest face overcame my hesitancy and I told him to hurry back and I would make a few more calls until he arrived. He soon appeared with the price of the book, and when he told me that he had been attending Sunday school and for a long time wanted a Bible of his own, I felt myself repaid for my wait.

A Girl of Sixteen Helped

Our colporteurs have not only placed the Bible in the hands of the youth of our land, but also endeavor, and often successfully, to lead them into the practice of its teachings.

This is shown by the story from a worker in the swamps and woods of southeastern Missouri.

While going from house to house in one of these sawmill towns, I came to the door of a shack. In answer to my knock a girl of perhaps sixteen appeared. I asked if she was the lady of the house, and she said she was. I found that she was keeping house for her father, and that they had no Bible. She was anxious to have one, but had no money. She said if she had a Bible she would read it every day. I asked if she was a Christian; she said she had been and had gone to a revival in a nearby town on purpose to be helped in finding her way back to God, but got into evil company and came home farther away from God than when she went. I gave her a Bible, had prayer with her, and commended her to the Loving Father, to whom she said she would go in prayer and confession.

To Every Child, A Testament

Another of the veteran and valued colporteurs set out with his wife on an overland journey across Kansas, laying emphasis on two especial objects. One was to reach out-of-the-way places; the other was to see that every child had a Testament. The first object was accomplished through the aid of their faithful Ford. The second object often met opposition on the part of parents and appalling unconcern



THE CHILDREN WERE NOT FORGOTTEN BY THE PILGRIMS
Peregrine White's Cradle and Governor Carver's Chair in Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth, Mass.

on the part of others. But the record is that "they succeeded remarkably well."

A Volunteer Encourages Memorizing Verses

A volunteer worker in the state of Washington made a special campaign "to get the children to reading and memorizing the Scriptures. Though a layman and without salary, he spent about 100 days in this service, and traveled some 2,000 miles." He saw to it that any child without a Bible should have one.

"One little motherless, red-haired girl of five years of age received one of these Bibles. Her foster mother and she agreed that every day, while she was getting her hair curled, she would learn a verse of Scripture; and I am glad to report that she is making good. She is now able to quote several whole chapters, beside a great number of verses." This worker reports that he has received pledges from 1,500, young and old, to memorize a verse and to read a chapter of Scripture each day.

A Peculiar Obstacle and Novel Strategy

Few of our readers, and fewer of the children, realize one kind of obstacle that is met in the circulation of the Scriptures in the United States. Fortunately, it is not very common and is chiefly confined to certain sections of our country. From Louisiana, where conditions are somewhat backward and where the Roman Catholic Church has dominant influence, comes this story: One colporteur found it difficult to get into houses. So he resorted to the novel method of putting Scripture portions in the rural free delivery boxes as he passed along country roads. He says:

One day I was evangelizing some of the people, when a young girl came up to me and asked me what was the name of the book I was reading. After telling her it was the Bible, she said, "Have you also a book named the Gospel of St. Luke?" I then showed her that that book was a portion of the book I was reading. She then told me that a short time ago she had found in her letter box this book of St. Luke, and that she read it willingly and found it very interesting; but that one day the Italian priest visiting her house had seen it and had taken it away angrily and said, "Don't you know that you cannot read this book? This book is prohibited by the Holy Mother Church." He then took it away from her and threw it in the fire. She was very sorry, and from that hour she had always been looking for another one like it, but had been unable to get one. She then told me she would be very glad if I would give her another one—which I did very willingly.

Bible Classes in China's Government Schools

A striking and suggestive contrast to this picture is presented from the other side of the Pacific Ocean, and the land where Christianity is still a foreign religion. From a worker in North China comes the glad report that Bible class work is being "conducted steadily all through the educational institutions, both mission and government." There are "few schools in Peking without some attempt to hold regular Bible classes. It is pleasant to record that in all the higher grade schools, where foreigners are engaged, so many of the teachers are Christians and give much of their time to instruction in the Bible."

Bible Study in the Philippines

We Americans are peculiarly responsible for the Filipinos, among all Asiatic peoples. So we may rejoice that young people are not forgotten by the workers in those islands. Bible study has come to the fore in recent days, as witnessed by the following statement from our Agency Secretary:

The careful and thorough work done in the public schools and the higher institutions of learning creates a demand for the Bible from many motives other than religious ones. Not only do the students recognize the Bible as the very highest standard of excellent English, but also in their own dialects, they acknowledge our translations as being the very best obtainable printed matter. This is very gratifying, indeed. Only a few days since I heard the assistant director of education at a great mass meeting recommend as a patriotic measure the veneration of their own traditions, customs, languages, etc.; and he recommended the Bible in its different translations as the very best preservation of their native tongues, the purest and the most perfect of anything in print. When we consider the haste with which these translations were made by men as yet scarcely acquainted with the native tongues, we marvel at the results. So from a literary and historical standpoint there is an ever-increasing call for the Bible on the part of the students.

During Christmas week the Fourth Y. M. C. A. Student Conference was in session in the summer capital—Baguio. More than 150 young men gathered from all parts of the Islands, and for five days devoted their attention to a careful study of the Bible and its application to the problems of Filipino life. As these young men go back to their homes, they carry the message of inspiration, which is more and more being felt in student circles.

A city-wide Bible-study campaign is already planned for the city of Manila, when for six weeks it is hoped and confidently expected that a large number of the students will devote special attention to a careful study of this Book of books as covering some special phase of their lives. Such a campaign could scarcely have been launched until very recently. This is to be in the English language, and followed, later, by a similar course in the dialects.

RESULTS

No results are more cheering and no gratitude more spontaneous than in this work among the young. A few examples must suffice. From the Carolinas here are two:

Beautiful Experiences

Many things that came to pass with the year left memory pictures, and sometimes I find it pleasant to think them over again. Here is a little barefoot boy. He is turning a pocket wrong side out to find four pennies with which he buys an eight-cent Testament,

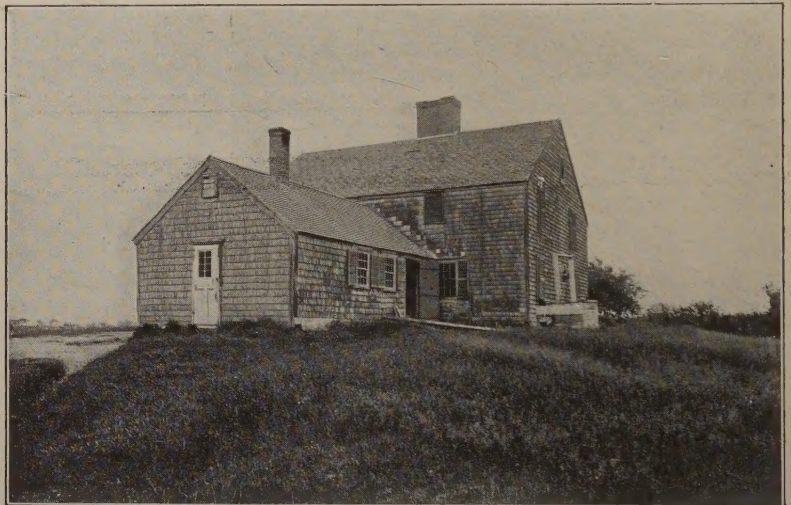
and as we turn to go in opposite ways, he says, "Thank you, Sir, and God bless you!" His benediction is a sweet surprise, and may God bless him always.

Here is a poor girl; she is looking wistfully at a little Testament that she is handling in a caressing way. She has no money, but is willing to give the only trinket she has—the ring on her hand—for the book. But the sweetest surprise awaits her. The American Bible Society presents the little book to her, and God has sent to her his token of love.

A Mormon Lad Led to the Protestant Ministry

Even in Mormon Utah a most happy result of this work is recorded:

I find many homes in which large families of children are growing up, the father and mother never having had a Bible in the home. Can any one foretell the influence such families will have on the moral



A LINK WITH THE PILGRIMS AND THE ROMANCE OF YOUTH

John Alden's House, Duxbury, Mass., 1653

and religious life of the community and nation in which they will soon be the home makers? In many of these homes, however, when the Bible is shown and its great purpose explained, they are willing and glad to buy. I recall one such Mormon family in which there was a boy of ten or twelve years, who begged his mother to buy him a Testament. A year later on again visiting that community one of the men of the town told me of this boy, how he had read through the Testament; in fact he had read it every day. When I met the boy, he informed me that he was going to be a Presbyterian preacher when he grew up. It is hard for those unacquainted with this field to fully appreciate what this means, coming from a Mormon home.

THE CHILDREN HELP

This would be an incomplete picture if it did not include another most welcome phase. Not only is much being done among and for children, but they also are helping in this gracious work.

Down in Tampa, Florida, a colporteur, looking for an opening, asked a young Cuban lad, Joe Fernandez, whom he met on the street, whether he knew of anyone who would be interested in buying some Bibles. With ready response and active interest, the lad promptly replied, "I know a lady who will buy some of them," and showed the Bible man the way to a person who purchased a dozen volumes.

Out among the Rockies a hotel keeper's little son induced his father to buy him a Testament, on a Saturday afternoon.

On Sabbath forenoon he had read Matthew, and Mark, and part of Luke. He coaxed some of the men who were sitting in the lobby to also buy a Testament, and told them how nice it was to read.

On his recommendation several of the men bought, and they began to read then and there, and later to discuss what they had read. At the noon hour they were still talking about the Scriptures, and this in a hotel lobby—a very unusual theme for such a place.

The California Sunday-school Association, Christian Endeavorers, and other young people helped in a most gracious Christmas service to the inmates in state and federal prisons. The Scriptures were distributed by aeroplane and hydroplane, as described in the 1920 issue of the "Story of the American Bible Society," page 75. The Sunday-school scholars paid the expenses of the airships.

Yes, the children are *not* forgotten by the American Bible Society.

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Teddy

By Rev. A. Wesley Mell

TEDDY was a most energetic and serious-faced bulldog. He belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, Pacific Coast Bible missionaries, who started from Portland, Oregon, in a wagon for a long journey across the mountains and plains. They carried Bibles in many languages to be sold and distributed to the ranchers whose homes were scattered along the road, and to the miners and loggers whose camps were in the mountains.

Teddy was a good companion and a good protector; but he was a city-raised dog, chained and kept in the backyard and accus-

chickens, and cows loose on the highway and in the open fields.

It was all new and strange to him and, according to his city experience, entirely wrong. So Teddy took it seriously upon himself to set things straight and punish these other animals for what seemed to him to be their lawless freedom. At the sight of these creatures off Teddy would go and chase every cat and dog, every calf and pig, and give them a run for their lives; and, seizing any one of these, he would hang on by the ear or leg and never let go, until Mr. Bowie himself would have to burn his nose with a live match. He was always punished; but, as his intentions were good, his spirit remained unbroken.

A Porcupine Chase

One day Teddy, to his sorrow, chased a porcupine. He came back to the camp with his cheeks, mouth, and chin covered with quills. Some of these had gone as much as an inch deep in his flesh. Teddy was a piteous sight, but he meekly sat on his haunches and only groaned while Mr. and Mrs. Bowie pulled the quills from his flesh. The operation must have been very painful and lasted for several hours, but he sat uncomplainingly, simply licking the sore places where the quills had been pulled out. But Teddy chased no more porcupines.

Once he caught sight of a proud turkey gobbler with his widespreading tail. To Teddy this was a challenge. Away he went after that now badly scared gobbler, and soon came proudly trotting back with every tail feather of that humbled gobbler in his spacious mouth. It did seem that he would have to



MR. AND MRS. BOWIE AND "TEDDY"

tomed to seeing other dogs and animals tied or cooped up. So when Teddy got into the country and was unchained, although his own joy was unbounded, it seemed to him altogether out of place to see dogs, cats, pigs,

be put away; that he was not the dog to be a helper and associated with the Bible missionaries; but he had some splendidly noble qualities, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowie could hardly find it in their hearts to let him go. Yet he became an increasing terror to all animals along the country road, and, finally, an incident occurred which brought about his dismissal from Bible work.

Tossed

For several days he had been chained to the wagon, but one evening, as Mr. and Mrs. Bowie were nearing their camp, they took the collar off and let him free. He proudly trotted along in front of the team and held his head high and seemed proud of leading the procession; but he soon caught sight of a cow and calf in an open field. Like a flash he was after them. He first took hold of the calf's ear and hung on. Of all the bellowing! That calf was scared almost to death. The mother cow came to its protection and on her horns she tossed that dog a dozen times from the ground; but still he held on to the calf.

Mr. Bowie had come across the field and was seeking to get him loosened. He finally let go of the calf and took after the cow. He grabbed her ear and held on like grim death. Around and around in a circle they sped, when here came the owner of the cow and calf and his hired man, an Irishman. Together they got Teddy loose, but not before he had ripped the cow's ear. The owner's temper was flaming. He said that the dog would have to be

killed, and that a Bible man had no business to have such a dog.

Sentenced

Mr. Bowie agreed; yet it grieved him to see the dog shot. However, he thought that there was nothing else to do. So, after sending for a veterinary doctor to sew the cow's ear, he got a gun and gave it to the Irishman and told him to kill the dog. Teddy had slunk away under the wagon and Mr. Bowie said that, for the first time in Teddy's life, the dog seemed to be conscience stricken over what he had done; and hiding under the wagon he appeared crestfallen, afraid, and entirely broken in spirit. But it was decided that Teddy should be shot.

Pardoned

The Irishman took the gun and crawled under the wagon to shoot Teddy; but, seeing the dog's apparently repentant spirit, the Irishman did not have the heart to kill him, and he crawled back from under the wagon and said, "Begorry, it's a shame to kill such a sorry dog, and it's not in me heart to shoot him. If ye'll give him to me, I'll take him to me cabin in the mountains, and he can watch the camp and hunt the wild cats and chase the jack rabbits all he pleases." Mr. Bowie was only too glad to give the dog to the hired man; and Teddy who had "zeal, but not according to knowledge," good intentions but misdirected energies, went to live contented and happy in the foothills of the Sierra mountains, giving the jack rabbits and coyotes wild runs as pantingly he chases them from his wooded domain.

A Trilogy

By Emma B. McKean

THE BIBLE A BOOK FOR BOYS

The Bible is a book for boys,
As anyone can prove.
It's full of just such stories
As boys are sure to love.

There's Abraham, who left his home
To follow God's command,
And Joseph, Moses, David too,
And Solomon the grand.

There's Daniel and his Hebrew friends,
Who to their God were true
Through fiery furnace, lions' den,
And all men's hate could do.

Then prophets brave, who warned of
sin
In no uncertain tone,
Who faced kings' wrath, but stood
their ground,
Trusting in God alone.

The story of our Lord himself,
Of Peter, John, and Paul,—
Oh, the Bible is the book for boys!
The best, best book of all.

THE BIBLE A BOOK FOR GIRLS

The Bible is a book for girls,
All through from lid to lid.
The truest women ever known
Are in its pages hid.

Now Sarah went with Abraham
The promised land to find;
Rebekah's name with Isaac's
Is evermore entwined.

'Twas mother's love and sister's wit,
Away in Egypt's land,
That saved the baby Moses' life
Against the king's command.

There's Naomi and loving Ruth,
And Jephthah's daughter, too;
There's Hannah full of faith in God,
Fair Esther, brave and true.

The Christ himself knew mother love
As Mary o'er him bent,
And with him to the very cross
The faithful women went.

THE BIBLE A BOOK FOR ALL

Oh, better far than half a truth
Is this whole truth sublime,—
The Bible is the book for all,
In every age and clime.

A glorious book for boys. So full
Of deeds that stir the blood;
And holding up to girls the types
Of noblest womanhood.

No child too young to hear its word
And love the storied page.
To youth a guide, to manhood,
strength,
The solace of old age.

Wherever burdened human hearts
Toil o'er life's weary road,
There comes this book with healing
touch
And strengthens for the load.

Nor time, nor place can bound its power
Nor break its kindly sway.
Though heaven and earth may pass,
this Word
Shall never pass away.

Notes and Comments

ROBINSON CRUSOE! What thrills that name recalls for older children, and holds for younger ones! Every boy, if not every girl, should have the pleasure of reading the book. Primarily a story of adventure, it also has a philosophy of life that is enduring. And one secret of this fact is given on our cover, which reproduces the painting by Mr. W. C. Wyeth depicting Crusoe gaining the faith and courage that sustained him in his years of loneliness. The picture—one of sixteen—comes from a new edition of that famous story issued by the Cosmopolitan Book Corporation.

IN the Children's Number of the RECORD we feel justified in departing from our usual practice and presenting briefly an appeal, which we print in the center of this page. It is going throughout our land this Christmas time. Backed by eight important bodies which have been helping the distressed in devastated Europe, it comes with peculiar emphasis at the time when childhood with its joys and possibilities is much in the minds of all.

The organizations uniting in this great work are: the American Relief Administration, American Red Cross, American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Knights of Columbus, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association.

WE have received the announcement of the Federal Council giving the suggested programme for the Week of Prayer for the churches, January 2-January 8, 1921. The Federal Council will supply these topics with

suggestions printed in quantities at \$2 per hundred or 30 cents per dozen:

Sunday, January 2—Texts for sermons and addresses.

Monday, January 3—Thanksgiving and Confession.

Tuesday, January 4—The Church Universal.

Wednesday, January 5—Nations and their rulers.

Thursday, January 6—Missions among Moslems and heathens.

Friday, January 7—Families, educational establishments, and the young.

Saturday, January 8—Home Missions.

ALL normal young boys and girls wish to live to an old age. In reporting that Capt. John Black had reached his one hundredth birthday this summer, the *New York World* gives the following additional facts which we commend to the attention of our young friends as well as to those of maturer years:

He frequently takes long walks to meet friends and talk over news. His hearing is good, and he rarely uses glasses. He takes interest in all happenings, but never neglects to read his Bible daily.

He has never tasted liquor. He used tobacco for sixty years, but gave it up twenty-five years ago. He never hurries, nor worries, eats plenty of plain food, drinks quantities of water, mixes with his friends and enjoys company, sleeps eight hours a

day, walks in the open air whenever he can get out, reads his Bible often, and does not feel old.

THE *Christian Herald* of November 20, 1920, tells the following of our President-Elect. Perhaps other sons will be incited to make other mothers likewise happy.

Senator Harding paid a lovely tribute to his mother in speaking of her recently, and at the same time he paid an unconscious tribute to the Bible. He repeated the same words that both his father and his sister had used in speaking of her. "My mother was a wonderful woman," he said earnestly, and added: "She was a peculiar combination; she was deeply

AN APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS

BY HERBERT HOOVER

IT is not wise nor proper for men to claim indiscriminately the blessing of Christ on the tasks they undertake. Yet surely concerning the vital duty to the performance of which American charity has dedicated itself this winter—the protection of 3,500,000 children from the indescribable miseries of starvation or death by disease—it is not presumptuous to call on His followers in His name. Quoted word and recorded act assures us that Jesus had no passion more intense than His love of children.

Eight organizations, working among every race and creed, have come to the unanimous conclusion that three and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe have no alternative to disaster between now and next harvest except American aid. The European Relief Council, comprising eight great relief agencies, was formed in the deep conviction that this heartrending peril to helpless children should have absolute right of way until the situation is met.

I know America has tasks and needs at home, but I make no apology for seeking to lay on your hearts our obligation to avert the incredible tragedy that threatens these children. They are no more my children than they are yours. Neither of us can dare let them suffer through our indifference and then claim servanthip to Christ.

spiritual, and yet she was intensely practical. Her religion was the motive power of her life, and she believed in the Bible implicitly from cover to cover. She brought us up to know and reverence the Word of God, and it has been always the Book of books to me; it could not be otherwise with my mother's training. There is no such beauty of speech in the English language as in the Psalms and in parts of the Old Testament; and while I cannot claim such faith as was my sainted mother's, yet with all my heart I believe in the Bible." Then he told a little story of his mother.

Many years before he had gone with her one day to the funeral of an old school friend of hers. This friend had been a fine woman, but one whose children had not been over thoughtful of her; yet at her funeral they had heaped her coffin with flowers and poured out voluble grief over her open grave. As they returned from the cemetery, Mrs. Harding remarked to her son that the flowers were lovely and added a little whimsically, "I wish Jane could have seen the funeral; it would have been a comfort to her, but I would rather my children would send flowers to me while I am living." Young Harding made no comment, but from that time until her death, twenty years later, he never failed on every Sunday morning to carry to her, when he was in Marion, or to have sent to her if he was out of town, a plant or a bunch of cut flowers.

THE close of the year brings freshly to mind valued friends whom the Bible Society has lost during recent months. Mention has been made in the minutes of the Board of Managers of three such friends who have been called to their final reward.

In the late summer, the Rev. Franklin E. Hoskins, D.D., died at Beirut, Syria. For over two years he had been in charge of the Arabic-speaking work of the American Bible Society in the Levant Agency. But his service to the Bible cause and with the Bible Society was of much longer duration. He saw through the press the Arabic Reference Bible, a work of such an exacting nature that the strain on his eyes had almost blinded him. Dr. Hoskins was a prominent missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Syria, and through his learning and services had been made a member of various literary and other associations.

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Another strong and big friend of the Bible cause is especially missed throughout the Congregational denomination. The Rev. Herbert C. Herring, D.D., as the general secretary of the National Council of the Congregational churches, was more closely related to the thousands of churches of that denomination than any other one man. On more than one occasion Dr. Herring sat in council to advise and encourage in the work of the American Bible Society, and always responded with gracious and ready sympathy to calls for assistance and advice. His sudden death is very widely and deeply lamented.

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The recent papers have reported the death,

at the age of 83, of the Rev. Abraham Kuyper, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D., Jur.D., Sc.D. He was long a prominent minister and theologian of Holland and was quite unique in that he entered journalism and became the editor of a daily paper; and later entered politics and became prime minister of that noble little country. In connection with the Bible Congress conducted by the American Bible Society at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915, he prepared a paper on "The Evolution of the Use of the Bible in Europe" for the American Bible Society. It was then issued as a Centennial pamphlet. His varied activities covered a period of more than fifty years, and included the pastorate of several churches and the professorate of systematic theology in the University of Amsterdam, in addition to his journalistic and political activities.

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In his Man Message "Keep on Keeping On," a copy of which has come to our hands, Mr. James W. Elliott writes:

The Bible has forced more *human action* than any piece of literature in history. The average sale of a "best seller" is about twenty-five thousand during its entire life. To-day, the Bible has a *daily* sale of over forty thousand copies!

And how does it accomplish it?

First, by having a very few fundamental *truths*, something to sell! Then, poetically, dramatically, dominantly *repeating* those truths, over and over

again—a thousand, thousand ways! With the absolute knowledge that sooner or later you'll agree with them, come to see that they are *right*. In other words, by *Keeping Right On Keeping On!*

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ALL boys and most girls are interested in American Indians, we venture to say. So we give the picture of one. But we do it to illustrate a noble characteristic—one worthy of emulation by all boys and all girls. In the July, 1919, RECORD we told the story of Chief Manitowog and the worn-out Bible which he brought to the Bible House for rebinding.



CHIEF MANITOWOG AND HIS BIBLE

From time to time he has sent contributions to the Society to help in the world-wide dissemination of the Bible, which he loves so well. A letter accompanied his latest donation and from it we give extracts that have a message.

I am again mailing you the sum of ten dollars toward the Bible and its workers. It makes one feel, that it is my faithful duty to give you all I can for the Bible, and help you to spread it from pale to pale among all nations and tribes of this wicked world. * * * I have every right to honour the Bible than all the books in the world, for it has honoured me so high that it has lifted me up from wigwam to mansion, and from prison to pulpit. Ah, what a great honour it is to a poor Indian like me! * * * I love my Bible than all I have in this world, and I kiss it and hug it as a mother does it to her infant, for it has set me free from all old cares and troubles, and it has made me my own Master and Boss, and no man shall boss me again as long as I live, but Jesus is my Boss and Master at last. Ah, I bless the day, the day I found that Precious Book, for it is so dear and precious to me to-day, that I cannot go to sleep every night till I read the two chapters every night. * * * Before I used to carry a loaded revolver to defend my life, but to-day I carry this Book which is my faithful sword and shield, for though I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for Thy Staff and Thy rod they comfort me. Therefore, read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully.

I remain your sincere friend, an old savage Indian on the new trail,

CHIEF MANITOWOG.

THE Clergy Club of New York City, through the courtesy of Dr. Walter Laidlaw, invited the American Bible Society to join with it in a luncheon to Sir William Mitchell Ramsay, the famous archeologist, and student and interpreter of the geography and history of Bible Lands. The luncheon was at the Yale Club, Monday, November 8th. Twenty or more of the leading clergymen of New York City together with Mr. Churchill H. Cutting, the President of the American Bible Society, and Mr. Frank H. Mann, the General Secretary, met to do honor to their distinguished guest. General Secretary William I. Haven presided, and grace was said by Dr. Nehemiah Boynton. Prof. L. W. Batten, of the General Theological Seminary, gave the greetings of the company to Sir William, who responded most delightfully, telling of his experiences in Asia Minor and of the disruption of study and investigation by the great war. A concluding prayer was offered by the Rev. D. Henry M. Sanders, of New York City. The company was informed that Sir William had been giving himself to the direction of aeroplane construction and production as part of his war service.

THE young people of to-day would be rather staggered were they expected to emulate some young people of over a century ago. In the three volumes containing the diary of Ezra

Stiles, president of Yale College from 1777 to 1795, it develops that he was not only a faithful reader of the Bible, but also that he expected and apparently required members of his family to follow his example. The diary for July 31, 1793, records:

July 31, 1793—My daughter, Ruth, from 1775 to 1793, or in 18 y., has read her Bible 14 times through; and my Gr-D, Eliza, aet, 11, has read it through five times. Emilia has lost her minutes, but has probly read it a dozen times & more, for she read it once a year for several y after 1775. My other children have read it sundry times. May God bless the Readg of this Holy Book to them. My wife died in 1775. She read through the Bible five times the last four years of her life, once in about 9 or 10 months. Keziah died 1785; she read it through five times the last five years of her life. Besides readg in Course privately in my Study, I read thro' the Bible in my Famy at Morning Prayers from 1760 to 1791, Eight times, or once in four years. My famy have had full oppority of being acquainted with the sacred Contents of the Bible.

MISS ALICE M. ROBERTSON, from Oklahoma, has received great distinction in the recent November election. Not only was she the only woman elected to Congress, but she, a Republican, was elected in a constituency normally Democratic by a large majority. In personal character and past service she is worthy of the honor given her. To friends of the Bible cause there is added a special interest in the fact that she is the daughter of home missionary parents, who translated the Scriptures into the Muskogee language for the Indians published by the American Bible Society. In the April, 1920, RECORD is a picture of the house where this work was done, and a brief statement on the subject.

A NOVEMBER letter had this message. Distributers and donors alike have reason to rejoice and continue.

I thought I would write and thank you for the Bible given to me on South Street in front of Pier 13. I was a drunkard and gambler at that time, but your Bible brought me out. I am a member of a church here.

At the John Murray celebration held in Gloucester, Mass., during August, the Rev. F. A. Bisbee, editor of the *Universalist Leader*, contributed a paper which likens the Bible to radium—a true and suggestive figure. He said:

The largest and purest piece of literary, spiritual, and ethical radium in the possession of the human race is the Bible. This book is the common possession of all, yet it remains undiminished in its glory and power. Its marvel is its inexhaustibleness. Preachers and commentators still come thirstily to it as to a perennial spring.

THE Bible House Press is notable not only for the astounding number of Scriptures which it has printed and bound—over 73,000,000—but it has to its credit several important contributions to the art of printing. The daily press, in recording the recent death of John H. Smith at 81 years of age, makes mention of one of these contributions. The story told by the Monticello *Watchman* is given thus:

At twelve years of age Mr. Smith was an employee of the American Bible Society. Before he was twenty he had earned an assistant foremanship and revolutionized printing. Prior to 1870 every sheet of paper was dampened before printing, and the dampening process ruined the gloss of the paper.

One day Mr. C. T. Rowe, General Agent of the Society, ordered a Bible printed which was to be as light and compact as possible. So, tissue paper was ordered for the job. It was beautiful in finish and as glossy as it was beautiful. To wet the paper would spoil the gloss and make the sheet so tender that it would not hold together. So, Foreman Smith printed a sheet without wet-

ting. The effect was marvelous. He turned the sheet and backed it without crocking, and that was just as marvelous. The result was that sheet after sheet was tried, and where it required sometimes half a day to build up plates for wet paper, he found that but little time was required in building up plates for a dry run. The result was that he printed this reference Bible on tissue paper without wetting, and it was the admiration of the printing fraternity and the joy of the Bible House. Harpers sent their best men to interview Mr. Smith, with the result that in a short time Harpers adopted the system and others soon followed, until now probably not a concern—small or large—wets its stock. In those days paper was delivered in quires, and it was impossible to take out the crease that was caused by the fold. Butler, of Paterson, furnished the paper folded in quires, and put up a lot of argument against furnishing it without a crease when the foreman of the Bible House requested that paper come to him flat. He refused to do it, and it was only when the foreman threatened to give the work to some other concern that he concluded to change his machinery. It was the greatest discovery of the age and ranks with the best that Edison ever turned out in electricity or Curtis discovered in the flying world.

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Up the Magdalena River, Colombia, in a River Boat

By Rev. R. R. Gregory

TWELVE days is a long time to travel 500 miles on a river boat. The usual trip on an ordinary river boat takes about seven days. This time the water in the river was very low and the boat struck many sand bars, which delayed us several days. If you have ever seen pictures of the Mississippi River boats of years ago with their big water wheels, you will know what our boats were like. The upper part of our boat was fitted out with room sufficient to accommodate about thirty passengers. There are many things to attract one's attention—the sand banks swarming with ugly-looking alligators, thousands of cattle grazing on some of the most extensive pasture

lands in South America, the beautiful blue mountains in the distance, and the many small towns along the banks of the river, with their tropical style houses such as you see in African books of travel. However, the things that interested me most were something of a different nature. In spite of the long delay in getting to our destination and the intense heat from the hours of ten to four during the day, the time passed very quickly, and the trip left with me many pleasant memories.

Curiosity Aroused

I carried with me a good supply of Gospels, which I distributed among the passengers as opportunity offered itself. This made many of them curious to know my business. They wanted to know if I was an oil prospector or interested in mines, etc. I told them that I was in business and was a traveling man, and that they did not need to get scared of the wares I was handling. The distribution of the Gospels opened the way for many interesting talks on religious subjects. I learned that the Colombian people are interested in religion. There were quite a few liberals, besides several priests, aboard the boat, and I found it a great pleasure to talk with them. One of the young men had studied two years at Cornell University and his grandfather was ambassador from Colombia to Italy. He told me that he had a brother, whom he was going to



ON THE RIVER TRIP

Rev. Mr. Crocker, Rev. R. R. Gregory, Rev. P. M. Joy, Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Crocker

take to the United States to a first-class preparatory school. I was very much interested in listening to a discussion he and one of the priests had on the infallibility of the pope. He asked the priest how about the time when three men claimed to be pope, and if all three of them were infallible. At another time the young man said to me, "Those fellows in the black robes are the curse of my country."

Gospels Lead to Bibles

The chief steward of the dining-room got one of the Gospels, and the next day he came to my room and asked me if I could give him a Bible. He said that he was very much interested in Protestant ideas and that he would like to read our Bible. He continued: "It is a very good book. My family is very fanatical, but I am a liberal. My wife would rather starve herself to death than read your Bible." I went down below where the freight and baggage were stored and got permission to open one of the boxes containing Bibles, and I took out several of them. Now, there was another gentleman of the upper class on board, with whom I had several interesting talks. He was just returning from a trip to the States. When he saw that I had several Bibles in my hand, he came to me and said that he had a friend on board who would like to buy one of my Bibles. This friend, I learned, was a prominent lawyer of one of the interior cities, and his brother was governor of one of the states and at the same time an ardent supporter of the Catholics. He thought the price was very cheap and asked me if I had another Bible—that he was sure he could sell one for me within a few minutes. I gave him a Bible, and within a short time he came and told me that he had sold it to the purser. The lawyer told me that, several years ago, a certain Dr. Rodriguez had many tracts printed, the purpose of which was to show that the commandments as taught by the Jesuits were not the same as those in the Bible. He helped Dr. Rodriguez to distribute a large number of them. He told me that he likes to study all the religions of the world and then form his own religious ideas. That the more dogmatic the religions are, the more he questions their real value. He said that the confession ought to be put away, because it is one of the worst enemies that Colombia can have. That the church through it was able to carry on its vast political system and dominate the very life of his country.

Delays Assist

The many delays on the trip worked out to



A RIVER BOAT ON THE MAGDALENA

my advantage. Of course, the passengers were getting tired and they were anxious for any reading material that would help pass the time. Everybody seemed to have a Gospel and pouring over its contents. The steward who had bought a Bible, I found reading most every time I passed by his room. One of the young men amused me very much. He seemed to be a very devout Catholic. He told me a lot of the things they had to learn at the parochial school, and he recited to me portions of the catechism, the Lord's Prayer, and the Commandments and other prayers. The words just flowed from his lips, and I felt that he understood very little of what he was repeating in such parrot-like fashion. He had never seen the inside of a Gospel. It seemed very interesting to him, because I believe he read the entire Gospel on one sitting.

"It is Just What Colombia Needs"

One of the men on board told me—and by the way this man had traveled quite a bit and had written several textbooks for the public schools—"It delights me very much to see you men come to Colombia to spread your propaganda in face of the intense fanaticism of the church. It is just what Colombia needs." He said that he used to be a strong Catholic; but since he had read a lot and traveled, he had found out that some of the dogmatic positions that the church held were false. He said they condemned Galileo because he said the world was round, and also every one could not help but know about the immorality of the priesthood. "I welcome to Colombia the ideas of all the religions of the world. Our church needs competition. Our government is under the thumb of the church, and she is bleeding my country; but I am happy to say that her day is passing, and the morning of a new day is dawning."

I could not help but feel as I came in contact with some of the representative men of the better classes of Colombia, that she is on the verge of a great change. The numbers are increasing in Colombia who no longer are satisfied to live isolated from the world. They know that their country has unbounded natural resources; and

yet in spite of it all that they are one of the most backward countries in the world. There never was such a call for the open Bible as to-day. The missionary societies and the Bible societies have never found Colombia as inviting a field for work as she is to-day.

September, 1920.

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In the Second Month of the Year of the Rabbit

THAT is to say, the year 1903. We quote some of the simple and charming narrative of a Korean Christian. His name, when translated, would be Mr. Paik Early Spring. It happened that, in the second month of the year, he sought the house of a certain Buddhist, to buy satins. He found the Buddhist now a follower of Jesus, who, on that day, was not selling satins, but with his family was observing the Lord's Day. And thus says Mr. Paik:

"I knocked the ash from my pipe bowl across the doorsill and thrust the bamboo stem into my sleeve. They bowed their heads and one prayed. How should I know the meaning of what he said? Strange words they were, yet not strange. Words that I knew—every one—but put together with new meanings that made them sound in my ears like the language of the outer barbarians. Again I heard of the Son of God, but what was this talk of love and trust and of One's blood that had been shed? He prayed even for me, that I, a stranger, might understand the doctrine. They prayed and bowed their heads, but why should I bow *my* head? It was not my worship; yet I held my peace and listened, and my eye searched the room, but never a Buddha nor a spirit-jar nor a worship tablet did I see. What worship was this? I thought, scornfully. Then the man Pak took a book and read words like those of his prayer, and he made explanation of it withal as to one of little understanding; and I perceived that he meant me and I listened to his words. Then they sang a song, and the words were, 'Far, far have I wandered.'

"All these things are known to you, but I had never heard the Jesus doctrine before in all my days. The words were new and strange, but I learned their meaning and understood something about the Saviour of the world. And so it was that from time to time I went to this house and joined in worship; but the doctrine had not yet come to rule my life, and I was not greatly changed; only men said I was a disciple of Pak and did the Jesus doctrine.

"I was not Christian then; but one day a young colporteur came to the market place and preached, and when one jeered at him in the crowd I bade the disturber hold his peace that all might hear the words, and the young man also said to me, 'Do you also know the doctrine?'

"My heart burned, but I was afraid and I said, 'I have known . . . something.'

"I held the young man's bag while he spoke, standing on some sacks of rice in the market place; and all the people listened, for his words were good and new. So I followed him even to another market place and held his books while he preached. And a certain scholar in that place believes, and because he was a noted man and had a following, a church grew up there; but it was not my home village, and my mind was not warm toward the doctrine then."

Mr. Paik Early Spring remained partially Buddhist, partially Christian for an uncomfortable and distracted period. The great trial that was to make him a true follower of Jesus Christ came in the form of an epidemic that killed three of his sons one after the other. The issue was whether the faith of the family for aid and comfort should rest in the sorcerer with his drum and bells, or in a purer worship that had come out of Palestine nineteen hundred years before. In this crisis Mr. Paik found himself.

"And all my household repented and came out unto Jesus, for their time had come and God's time for them. . . .

"In ten years since then has my mother missed one Lord's Day from attendance at the church? Though the winter wind whirls down and the snow drifts deeply even to the knees and one would dissuade her from going the long walk to the meeting place, she takes her staff in hand and fares forth across the river; for she says she must needs pray.

"As to how by the grace of God I became a helper and an elder, and of what befell in the spring of this year, thou knowest very well. Truly, of His grace have I received abundantly."

And, in the *Missionary Review of the World*,

where this touching story appeared, there is added this sentence:

"Yes, we knew very well what befell in the spring of last year. He was one of five men who was seized without warning while sitting

in his room at the Theological Seminary, rushed away by the police, tied to a wooden cross and beaten with twenty-nine blows because he was a Korean and a Christian, but he calls it the *grace of God*."

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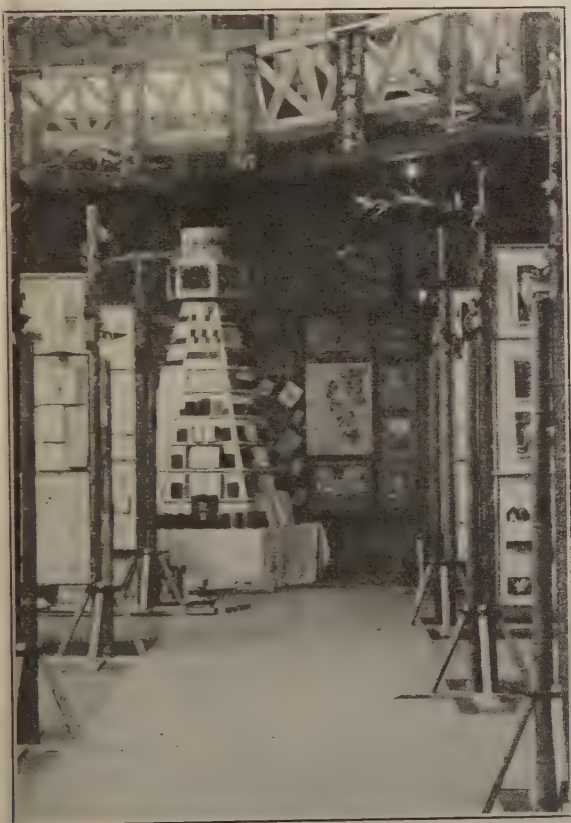
The Bible and the World's Sunday-school Convention

THE Sunday school is one of the great factors in bringing the children and the Scriptures together. The leaders of the World's Sunday-school Movement and the Bible Societies are happily in close accord. The

in Japan, the Rev. Mr. Aurell, and the Agency Secretary of the Philippines, the Rev. Mr. McLaughlin, who gives a considerable amount of time ordinarily to work among the Sunday schools, assistance was rendered in the preparation of exhibits and in other ways. A special souvenir edition of the Gospel according to Matthew in Japanese was issued in an attractive little volume, 2 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{8}$ inches, with a bright colored binding. The authorities of the convention magnified the Bible in the striking electric sign placed over the platform in the convention hall and reproduced in the picture on the next page. In the exhibit hall the Bible was given prominence in a pyramid, which showed the Scriptures in various languages, and some idea of which can be obtained from the picture adjoining. Accounts of the convention have appeared in the press, both religious and secular, and our readers know of the strange providence under which the convention hall, erected at heavy expense largely through Japanese contributions, was destroyed by fire three hours before the convention was to assemble in it. All rejoiced that the fire did not occur after the convention had begun and the building was crowded; and also in the evidence of cordial and generous hospitality on the part of the Japanese people and government, which resulted, through the opening of the Imperial Theatre for the meetings of the convention, and in many other ways.

By direction of the Board of Managers, which was in session the first day of the convention, a cable expressing the sympathy of the American Bible Society over the fire was sent to the convention officers. We quote from Mr. Aurell's letters his estimate of the convention:

The World's Sunday-school Convention is now a thing of the past. It was a great convention. Deep and lasting impressions on this:



THE PYRAMID OF BIBLES
World's Sunday-school Convention Exhibit

World's Sunday-school Convention held at Tokyo in October gave varied illustration of mutual co-operation.

At the request of the World's Sunday-school Association, officers of the American Bible Society supplied lantern pictures for use at the convention. Through its Agency Secretary

people undoubtedly is the happy result. Personally I was able to attend a little more than half of the regular sessions, and I thank God for the way the speakers delivered their messages and the sound and definite truths that they conveyed to this people. Of course, those messages were fine for all who came from abroad as well.

Thank you for the cable from the Board. I handed it to Dr. Brown at once, who read it in public at one of the sessions. Cable messages were read practically every day.

The exhibit department was very attractive and interesting. Our Bible Pyramid was a fine feature.

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In an article on the convention, which appeared in a recent *Epworth Herald*, Floyd Shacklock summarizes the effect of the convention on the Japanese in the following paragraphs:

The outstanding feature of the whole convention, however, was the impression made upon the people of Japan.

The convention was a revelation and a proof of the interest that Christianity has aroused. To see

long lines of Japanese standing before the building, waiting their turn for admission long before the opening of the doors; to see them stand with the same reverence as their Western brothers while the Hallelujah Chorus was being rendered; to find them watching in breathless interest the scenes in the pageants showing the nations of the earth coming to pay homage at the foot of the Cross; to hear them applaud the declarations made by some speakers that Japan is rapidly taking her place among the Christian nations, these were the proofs that Christianity is coming to its own.



ELECTRIC SIGN OVER THE PLATFORM
World's Sunday-school Convention

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The Rev. Henry Loomis

THE Rev. Henry Loomis has been an outstanding figure in the Christian life of Japan for a generation. The memorial minute, which is attached, recounts something of his relations to the Empire as well as to Christian work in that country.

The religious and secular press of Japan have recently contained many tributes to him. Dr. George P. Pierson, in the *Japan Evangelist*, says: "To be at once gentle, yet strong, is an old conception of an ideal man. Such a one was Dr. Loomis—a fighting man, a Bible man, a gentle man, who left with us a life of fruitage and happy memories as his soul was garnered in at the end of the summer of 1920. His youthfulness of spirit, combined with the experience of years, gave to his friendship height and depth as well as length and breadth. The Bible House in Yokohama, formerly situated opposite the Kaigan Church, within a few steps of the original landing place, was one of the first things to greet the eye of the newly arrived missionary. It was a rendezvous for those coming and going, a place where not only the Bible was sold, but where its precepts of love and hospitality were practiced."

A memorial service was held at the Karui-zawa on the morning of the 28th of August, and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. John P. Kelman, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City, and the Rev. A. D. Hail, of the American Presbyterian Mission in Osaka. The pallbearers were Bishop Harris, the Rev. J. G. Dunlop, the Rev. H. B. Newell, the Rev. B. G. Watson, the Rev. G. P. Pierson, and Mr. A. K. Reischauer. The body was then removed to Yokohama, where it rested temporarily in the mortuary of the United States Naval Hospital. The casket containing the body and covered with the American flag was then borne to the cemetery, where he was buried by the side of his wife. An interment service was conducted by the Rev. James Everett Frame, D.D., son-in-law of Dr. Loomis, the Japanese portion of the service being read by the Rev. Mr. Mori, of the Shiloh Church. At the graveside Mr. S. H. Somerton sang a solo, "Oh, rest in the Lord."

The Secretary of the American Bible Society in Japan, the Rev. Karl E. Aurell, and the Secretary of the American Bible Society in the Philippines, the Rev. J. L. McLaughlin, were present at the services in Yokohama, and

a wreath of flowers was presented from the Society.

Dr. and Mrs. Loomis's sons and daughters are entering conspicuous service in the world: Mrs. Frame, whose husband conducted the burial service and who is a professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York; Miss



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Clara D. Loomis, principal of the Doremus School on the Bluff at Yokohama; Miss Louise R. Loomis, a teacher in Barnard College, New York; Henry M. Loomis, traveling secretary for a large commercial firm in the United States; Roger S. Loomis, engaged in literary work in New York City; and Everett B. Loomis, consulting engineer in Newark, N. J.

MEMORIAL MINUTE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Rev. Henry Loomis, for thirty years the Agent of the American Bible Society in Japan, having for most of that time also the care of the Society's interests in Korea, died in a hospital at Karuizawa, Japan, August 27, 1920.

Mr. Loomis entered the service of the American Bible Society in 1881, and was retired owing to ill health in 1911. He was born at Burlington, N. Y., March 4, 1839. He comes of a family that emigrated from Essex, England, to Windsor, Conn., in the latter part of the 17th century. He was a student at Hamilton College and Auburn Theological Seminary. After graduation he was under appointment by the American Board as a missionary to China, but owing to ill health he delayed his departure from America and for a year was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Jamesville, N. Y. In 1872 he married Miss Green, a sister of one of the most distinguished missionaries of the American Board in Japan. He went out to the mission field under the auspices of the American Board in the same year. He was organizer of, and for a number of years the minister of, the church which is known as the Shiloh Church at Onoye-cho.

After four years on the field he returned to the United States, and when he went back to the field he entered the service of the American Bible Society.

The whole development of the publication and distribution of the Scriptures in Japan for this long period was largely under his supervision in association with the representatives of the British Societies. He was keen for any unusual opportunity of interesting the people of the country in the Bible. During the Sino-Japan and Russo-Japan Wars he had the *entrée* to the Army and Navy and was encouraged and supported in his work by the leading admirals and generals. He won and retained the high respect of the principal officials of the government. The Bible House in Yokohama, owing to his courtesy, became a home for American and other foreign visitors to Japan, and many were the tributes to his kindness and assistance which were received at the Bible House in New York. He was a regular worshiper at Union Church, Yokohama, in the work of which he took a great interest, having a class of boys in the Sunday school.

Mrs. Loomis died in the early spring, and he survived her by only a few months. He leaves three sons and three daughters. The funeral services were held at the Karuizawa Church, and he was buried in the general cemetery on the Bluff at Yokohama.

Mr. Loomis was always interested in horticultural and entomological studies. He introduced the cultivation of the persimmon to Japan, and discovered a parasite which is fatal to the gypsy moth. This moth had destroyed apple trees throughout Sendai. For this discovery he was highly commended by the United States Government at Washington. A man of high character, he brought honor to the American Bible Society. His name and his service will long be remembered.

BIBLE SOCIETY RECORD

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

THE seventh stated meeting of the Board of Managers for the one hundredth and fifth year was held at the Bible House, Astor Place, New York, on November 11, 1920, at 3:30 p.m., President Churchill H. Cutting in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, D.D., who read from the eighth and ninth chapters of the Prophecy of Isaiah, after which he offered prayer.

The minutes of the sixth stated meeting of the Board of Managers were presented and approved. The budget for the year 1921, as drawn up and recommended by the Budget Committee, was adopted.

In recognition of the presence and assistance of the Advisory Committee at the meetings of the Budget Committee, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board of Managers be extended to the members of the Advisory Committee for their attendance and the benefit of their counsel and advice; and

That the Secretaries send to the govern-

ing bodies of the communions represented, an expression of appreciation for the attendance of their representatives and the value of the services rendered.

Mr. Mornay Williams, on behalf of the committee appointed for the purpose, read the following memorial minute on the Rev. William Patterson Bruce, D.D.:

The Directors of the American Bible Society are once more called to record the passing from their earthly companionship, into that higher service of their Heavenly Father which is beyond the veil, of a beloved and honored member of the Board, the Rev. William Patterson Bruce, D.D.; and while in the sudden and tragic circumstances of his death beneath the wheels of a motor truck there seems much of poignant sorrow, they rejoice as they realize that even as no circumstance of pain and gloom can remove from out that Heavenly Father's love and care, so no rending of the earthly ties can ever break the communion of Saints which binds together the members of the Church visible and the Church triumphant.

Born on the 27th of December, 1858, Dr. Bruce was in his sixty-second year when on the 5th day of October, 1920, the accident occurred which instantly terminated his life on earth. The son of the Rev. James Bruce, D.D., an eminent minister of the United Presbyterian Church, he entered Rutgers College in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in the class of 1884, took his theological course at Union Seminary, New York City, and graduating, was ordained to the ministry of the Reformed Church. His ministerial life included but two pastorages: the first, that of the Greenville Church, Jersey City, from 1887 to 1895; the second, that of the Park Hill Church, Yonkers, from 1895 to 1917; and from the latter pastorate he was called to become editor-in-chief of the *Christian Intelligencer*, continuing in this arduous post until in the earlier months of the present year the failure of his health beneath the strain compelled him to relinquish the position. In 1912 he was elected President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America at its session in Grand Rapids, and he became a member of the Committee on Anniversaries of this Board in July, 1917, and served on it with especial faithfulness, being also most punctual and regular in attendance at the meetings of the Board.

Had Dr. Bruce chosen, like his brother the Hon. M. Linn Bruce, formerly lieutenant-governor of the state of New York, to seek public life and political preferment, his talents and his attainments would undoubtedly have enabled him to win distinction; but he chose rather, as we have seen, the less conspicuous though no less arduous career of a minister of the gospel, and his earthly life has now been closed, as it may seem to us, untimely.

Mortals are but tardy scholars and slow to learn the lessons of the Heavenly Sower; but it is still true that the field is the world and that the ploughshare is both the emblem and the forerunner of the Kingdom. Sometimes the ploughing is on human hearts and backs, and the ploughmen make long their furrows; but without the ploughing the harvest of life is but as grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up: wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

In life through labor much he brought to earth "The Kingdom,"—and it is by laborious though suffering lives such as that of our brother that the summer land of harvest is reached.

The memorial minute was adopted by a rising vote of the Board.

Secretary Haven reported the recent death of the Rev. Henry A. Buttz, D.D., long a member of the Committee on Versions. On motion, the President was requested to appoint a committee to prepare a memorial minute. As such committee the President appointed C. Edgar Anderson, the Rev. Dr. J. Oscar Boyd, and General Secretary Haven.

The minutes of the standing committees were presented and approved.

The minutes of the Committee on Versions reported on various stages of progress in connection with the Slovak Scriptures, Kabyle Bible, Vey Testament, and the Japanese Old Testament.

In connection with the subject of the translation of the Scriptures into Mukri Kurdish, Secretary Haven reported that word had been received of the death of the Rev. L. O. Fossum, the translator, while in service with the Near East Committee in Asia Minor, waiting opportunity to return to his field.

The death was also reported of the Rev. Abraham Kuyper, D.D., LL.D., the distinguished theologian and statesman of Holland, and author of the American Bible Society Centennial pamphlet, "The Evolution of the Use of the Bible in Europe."

The Secretaries reported the following consignments to the Society's Foreign Agencies during the month of October, 1920:

To Brazil, 12,585 volumes, valued at \$2,488.74; to La Plata, 1,500 volumes, valued at \$898.26; to Mexico, 4,600 volumes, valued at \$1,221.50; to West Indies, 4,328 volumes, valued at \$604.36. Total: 23,013 volumes, valued at \$5,212.86.

The issues from the Bible House during the month were 153,281 volumes.

The meeting was adjourned.

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FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY

I give and bequeath to the American Bible Society, formed in New York in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, and incorporated in the year eighteen hundred and forty-one, the sum of _____, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

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RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER, 1920

LEGACIES

Peate, Estate of Edward, late of Gomer, Allen County, Ohio.....	\$100 00
Wick, Estate of John C., late of Youngstown, Ohio.....	15,000 00
	<u>\$15,100 00</u>

GIFTS SUBJECT TO LIFE INTEREST

Amounts received during the month.....	\$3,150 65
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HOME AGENCIES

Atlantic.....	\$2,513 18
Central.....	1,793 87
Colored People of the U. S.	1,608 29
Eastern.....	798 43
Northwestern.....	3,222 68
Pacific.....	2,354 77
South Atlantic.....	1,937 44
Southwestern.....	2,273 71
Western.....	791 49
	<u>\$17,293 86</u>

RECAPITULATION

Legacies.....	\$15,100 00
Gifts Subject to Life Interest.....	3,150 65
Auxiliary Bible Societies on Book Account.....	3,196 96
Auxiliary Bible Societies on Donation Account.....	185 00
Home Agencies.....	17,293 86
Foreign Agency.....	180 00
Returns from Scriptures Donated.....	22 92
	<u>\$39,129 39</u>

FOREIGN AGENCY

China.....	\$180 00
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From Home Agencies and Included in Home Agency Receipts

Donations from Auxiliary Bible Societies:	
Chicago Bible Society, Ill.	\$800 00
Penn. Bible Society.....	253 55
Sussex Co. Bible Society, N. J.	500 00
Gifts from Churches and Organizations.....	466 15
Gifts from Individuals and Other Sources.....	192 96

RETURNS FROM SCRIPTURES DONATED

Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sunday School Work, Sabbath School and Missionary Dept., Philadelphia, Pa.	\$22 92
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MISCELLANEOUS

Available Investments.....	\$1,000 00
Bible House Rentals.....	7,760 84
Bible Society Record.....	8 00
Bills Payable.....	15,000 00
Diffusion of Information.....	588 65
Gifts from Churches.....	24,942 89
Gifts from Individuals.....	3,020 32
Interest on Available Funds.....	24 28
Investments Subject to Life Interest.....	282 71
Perpetual Trust Funds.....	567 18
Sales of Waste Materials.....	455 65
Salesroom.....	3,777 72
The Trade.....	1,253 52
Trust Funds Invested.....	180 00
	<u>\$58,861 76</u>

Total Cash Receipts.....	\$97,991 15
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Liberty Bonds received during the month, par value (Gifts subject to Life Interest)....	\$1,200 00
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CASH STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1920

RECEIPTS

From Auxiliaries.....	\$3,196 96
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	<u>\$97,991 15</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

For Manufacturing Departments—Materials, Wages, etc.....	\$64,269 94
" Salesroom.....	390 01
" Depository—Salaries, Boxes, Cartage, etc.....	1,894 95
" General Expenses—Salaries of Officers, Clerks, Traveling Expenses, Printing, etc.....	6,675 00
" Bible House Expenses—Taxes, Repairs, Fuel, Insurance, etc.....	6,254 72
" Exchange Paid.....	10,699 99
" Remittances to Home Agencies.....	13,689 24
" Remittances to Foreign Agencies.....	4,746 23
" Bible Society Record.....	48 75
" Pensions.....	723 33
" Income Payable to Beneficiaries.....	1,500 06
" Diffusion of Information.....	2,856 25
" Legacy Expenses.....	116 80
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" Transmission Abroad.....	906 21
" Income Available—Interest on Loans, etc.....	1,908 32
" History American Bible Society.....	13 95
" Gifts from Churches.....	1,324 92
" Petty Cash (Depository).....	75 00
	<u>\$118,108 11</u>

Cash Balance from September, 1920.....	28,029 55
	<u>\$126,020 70</u>

Cash Balance to November, 1920.....	7,912 59
	<u>\$126,020 70</u>

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